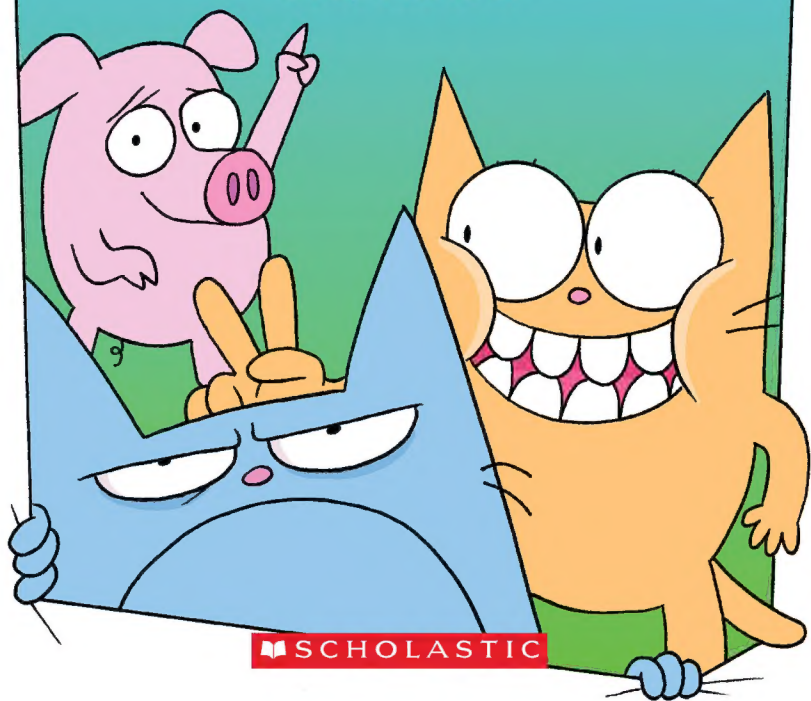


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ME, THREE!



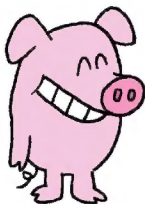
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ME, THREE!

FOR DEBRA DORFMAN

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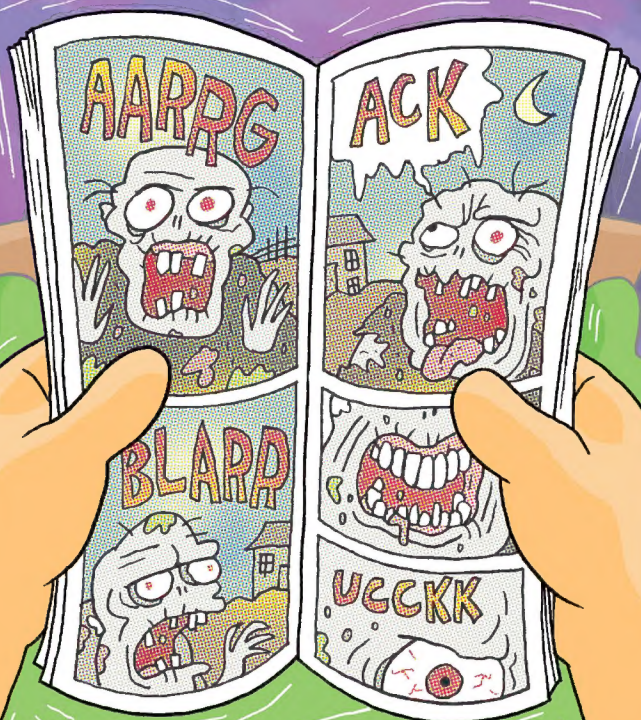


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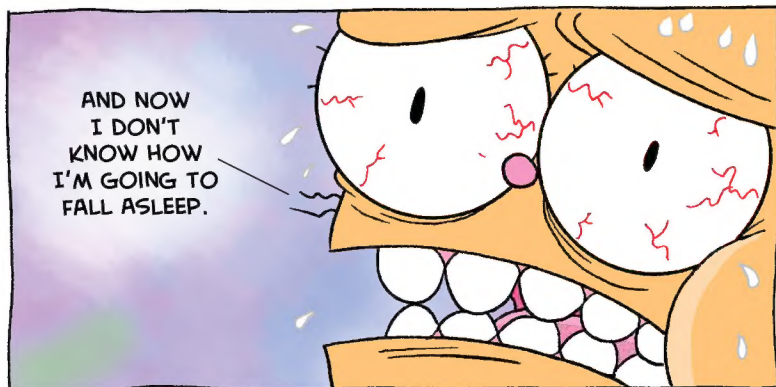
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OH MY GOSH!

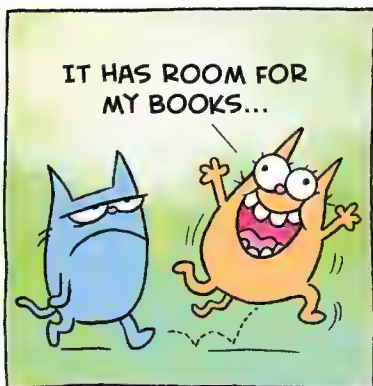


ZOMBIES!





BACKPACK



TA-DA!



IT LOOKS
PRETTY
HEAVY.
ARE YOU
SURE
YOU CAN
CARRY
IT?

**CARRY
IT?**

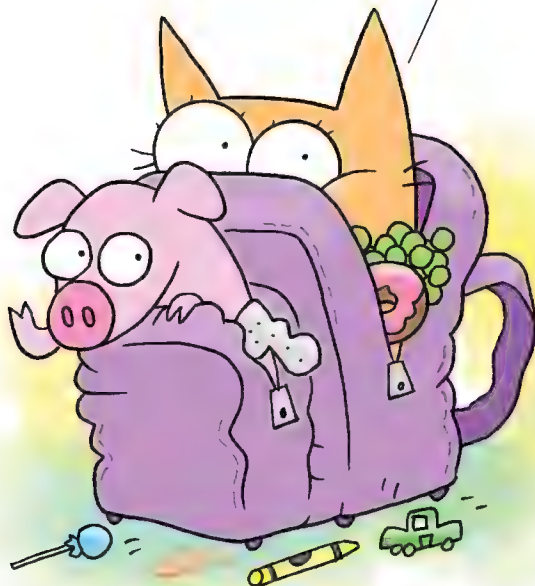


I'M
NOT
GOING TO
CARRY
IT.

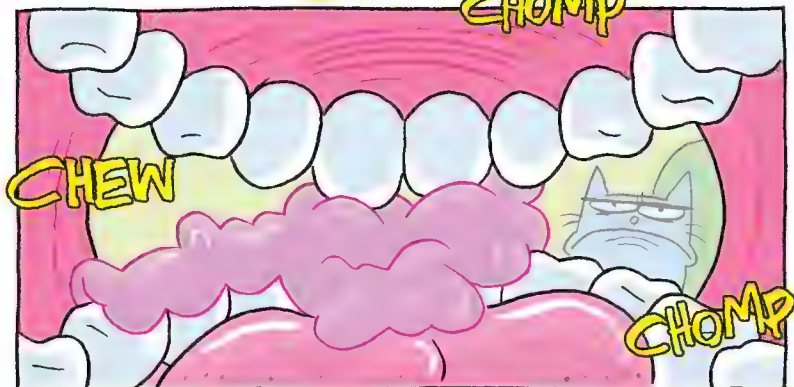
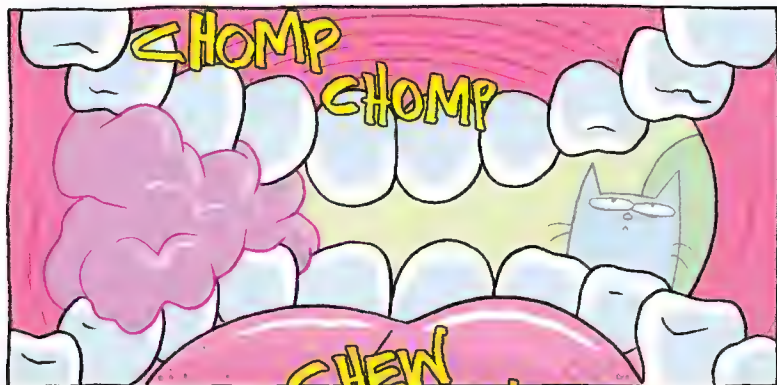


I'M
GOING TO
LIVE IN
IT.

I ALREADY
HAVE A
ROOMMATE!



GUM





WANT SOME
BUBBLE GUM,
PIG MICHAEL?

YES,
PLEASE!

I'VE NEVER HAD
BUBBLE GUM BEFORE.

JUST TRY TO BLOW
A BUBBLE LIKE THIS.



BUT DON'T POP IT!
IT'S REALLY HARD
TO CLEAN...



...UP.



THE
ocean

HEY CATWAD,
WHAT DOES THE OCEAN
MAKE YOU THINK OF?

WATER,
I
GUESS.



YOU KNOW WHAT IT
MAKES ME THINK OF?

NO.



PHONES.

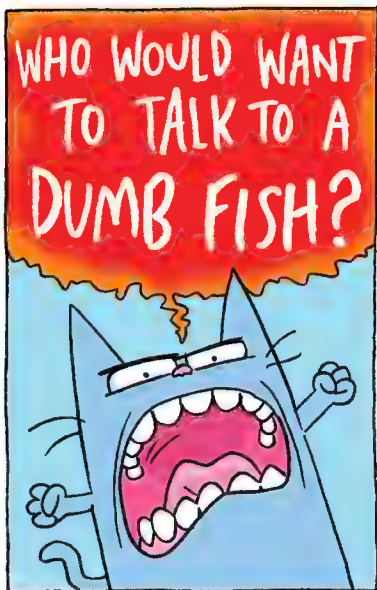


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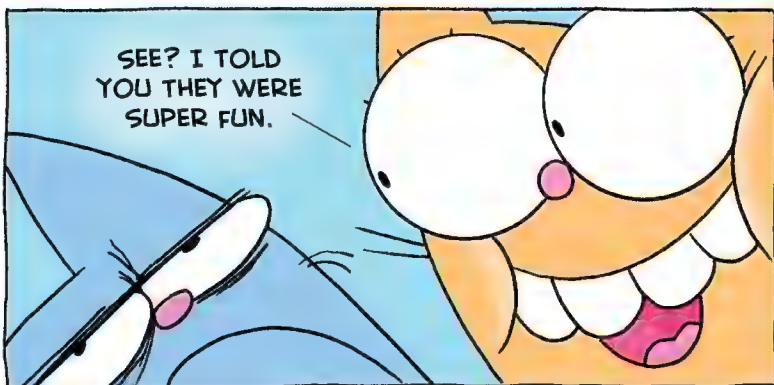
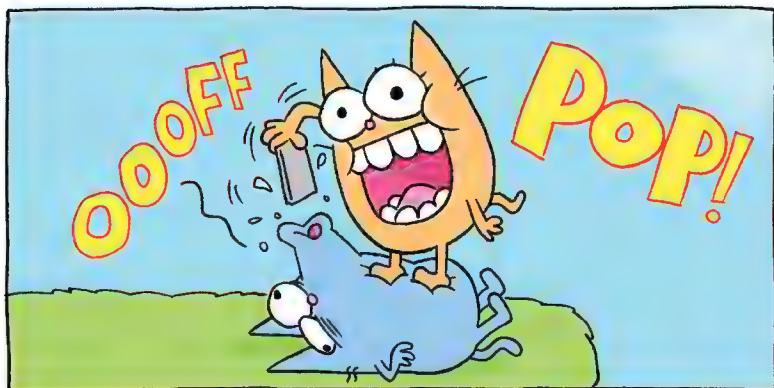
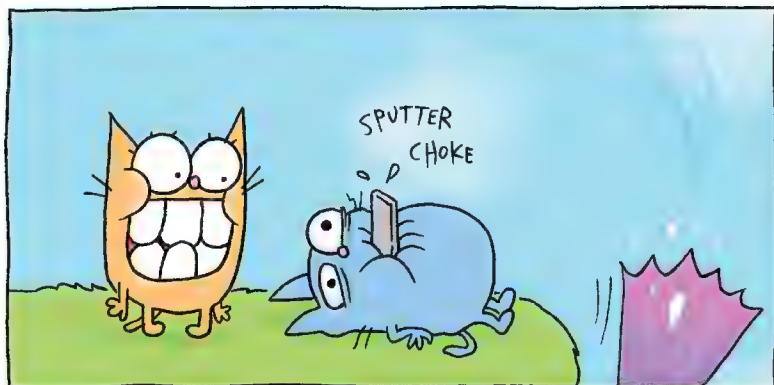


BECAUSE I DROPPED
YOUR PHONE IN IT.

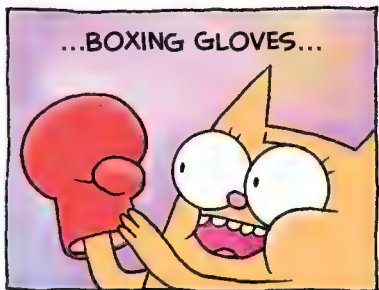
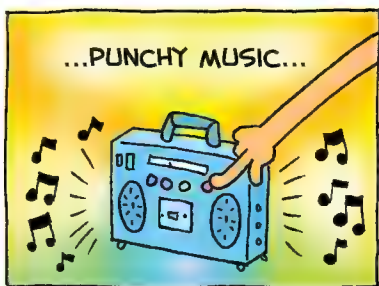
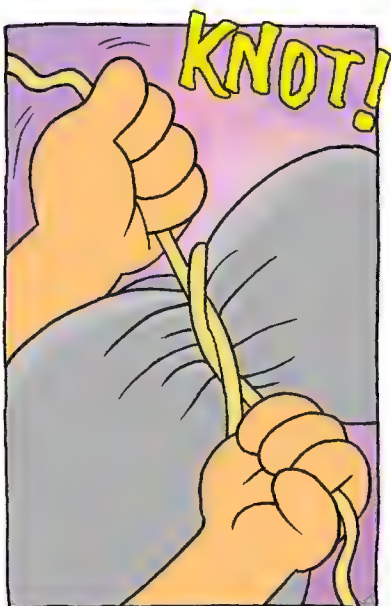


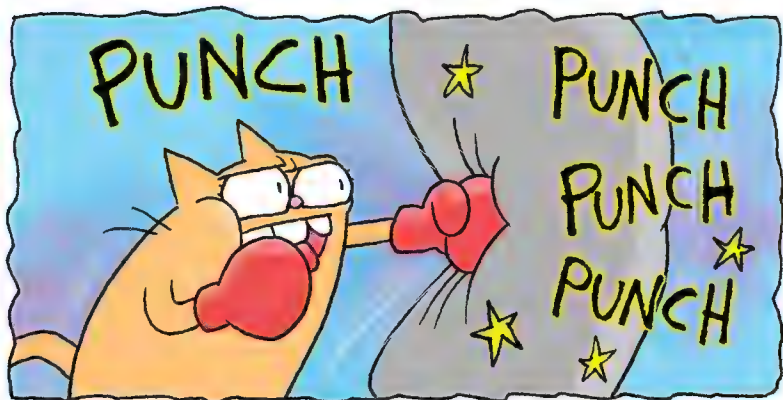






KICKBOXER









GREAT.
BUT MAKE
SURE THEY'RE
SOFT...

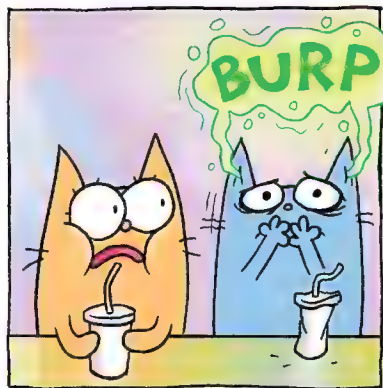
I THINK
I LOST A
COUPLE
TEETH
WHILE I
WAS
SLEEPING.





BURP

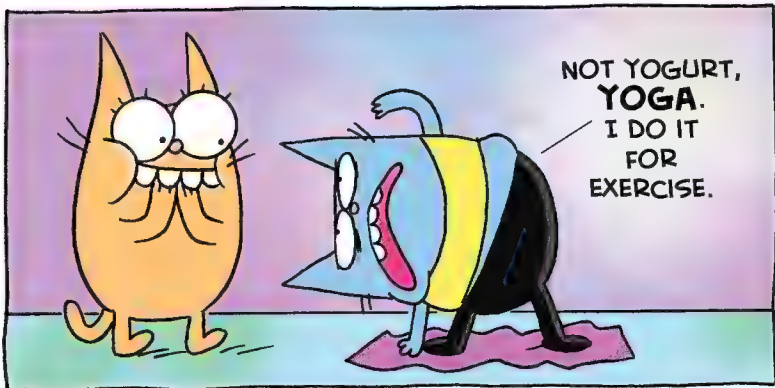
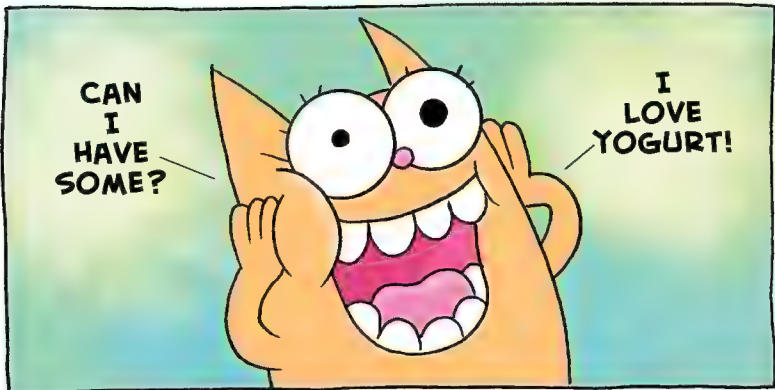
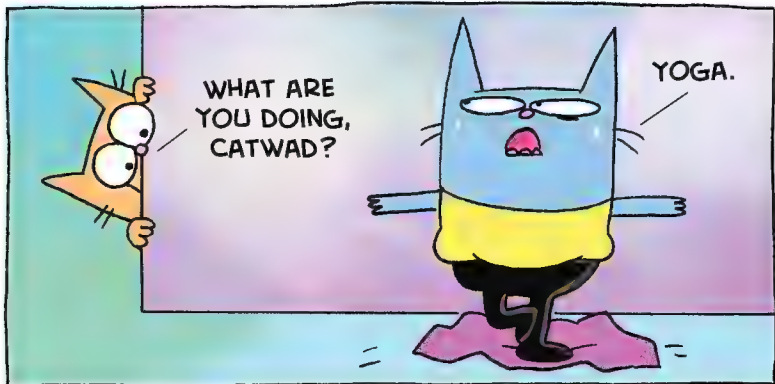




PRETTY
GROSS,
CATWAD.







IT LOOKS EASY,
BUT IT TAKES
YEARS OF PRACTICE
TO GET THIS
FLEXIBLE.



I'M
PROBABLY
NOT
FLEXIBLE
ENOUGH.



I CAN TEACH YOU
A LITTLE BIT, BUT
SINCE YOU'RE JUST
A BEGINNER, YOU
NEED TO START
WITH GENTLE
STRETCHES.



YAAAY!

GENTLE STRETCHES!
I UNDERSTAND!



HOW'S
THIS?



YOU WERE RIGHT.
YOU'RE NOT
FLEXIBLE ENOUGH.



BUT I WAS
JUST GETTING
WARMED UP.





I LIKE TO BE
SAD.



WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY,
YOU KNOW THAT THINGS
COULD GET WORSE
AT ANY MINUTE.



BUT WHEN
YOU'RE SAD, YOU
KNOW THAT THINGS
CAN ONLY GET
BETTER.



YEAH,
BUT...



WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY,
THINGS CAN GET
BETTER, TOO.



THEY CAN GET
BETTER AND BETTER
AND BETTER.



UNTIL THEY ARE JUST
THE BESTEST BEST OF ALL TIME!







JUST BECAUSE I'M
NOT SAD DOESN'T
MEAN I'M HAPPY
ABOUT IT.



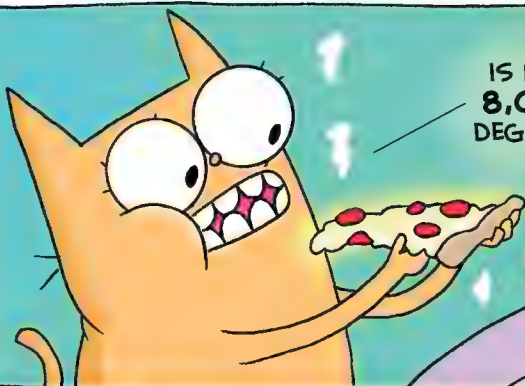




THIS
BEAUTIFUL
PIZZA...



IS LIKE,
8,000
DEGREES.



I SHOULD BE
WEARING
SUNSCREEN.



EVERY BITE
GIVES ME
A TERRIBLE
BURN.

I
DON'T
CARE.



IT'S
PIZZA.

IT'S
WORTH
IT.



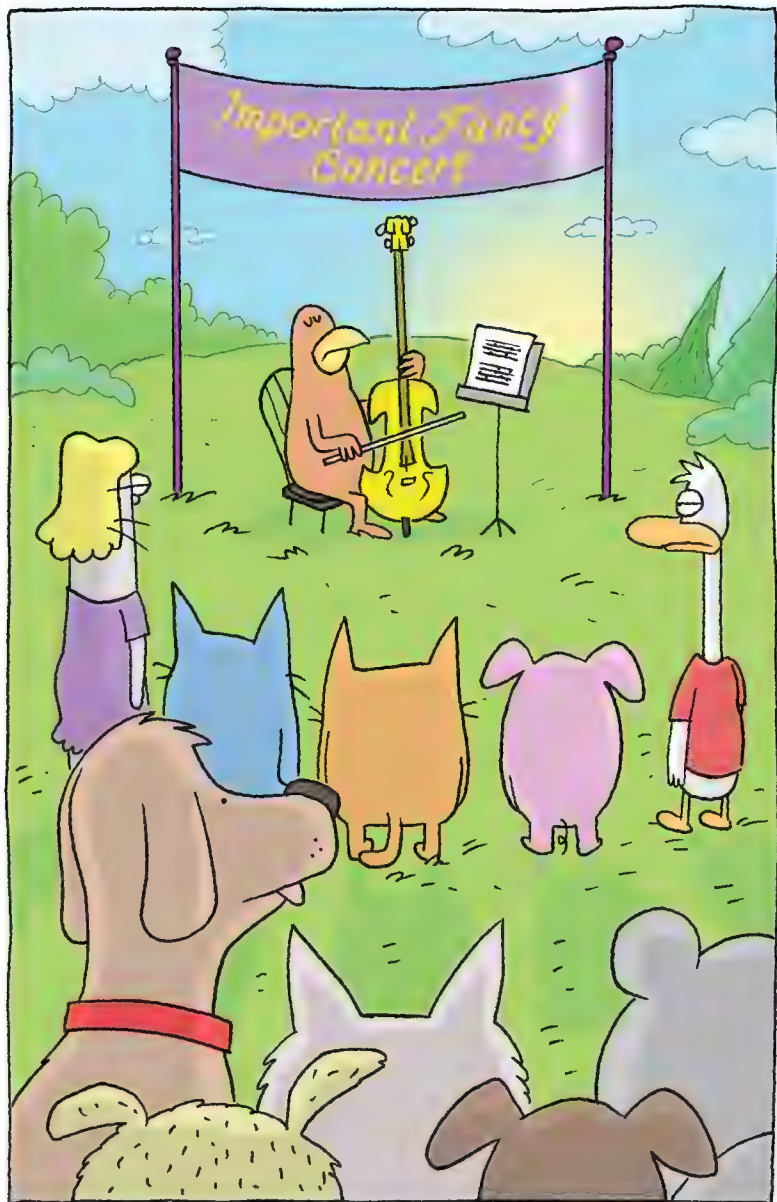
WE SHOULD PROBABLY
GO TO THE HOSPITAL
NOW.

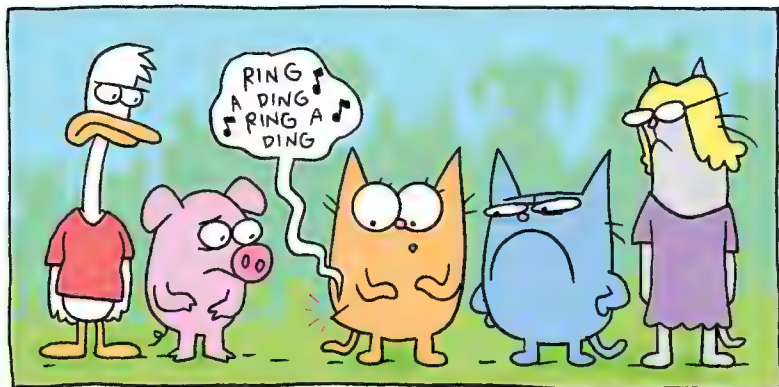
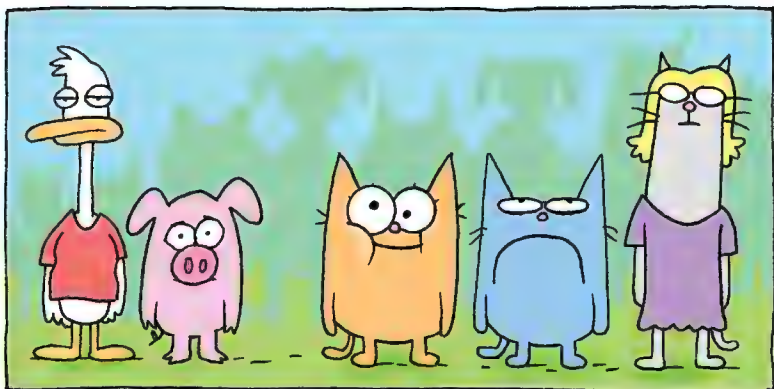
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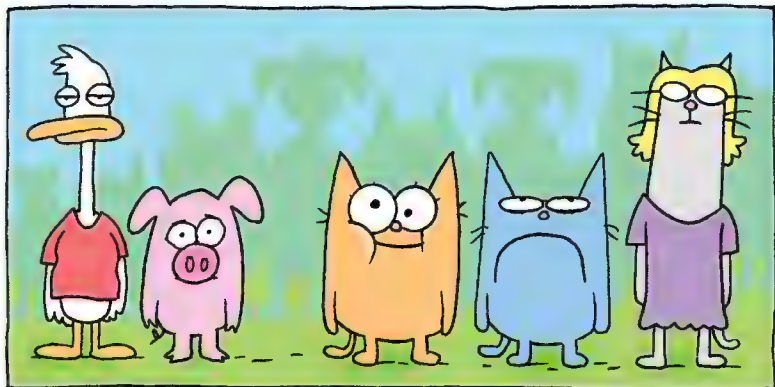
CAN WE
STOP FOR
PIZZA ON
THE WAY?



PHONE







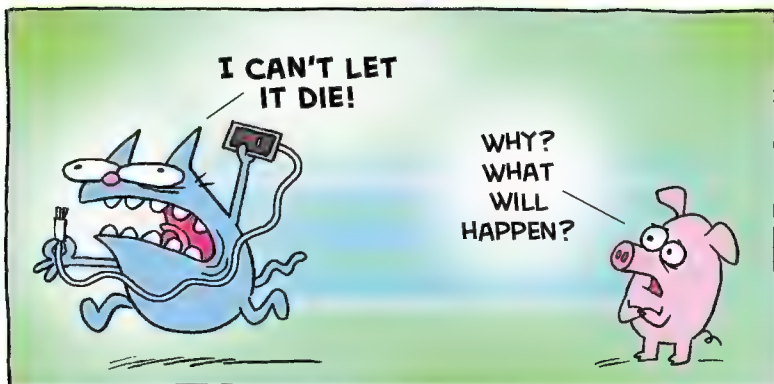


PLUGGED
IN

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**WHERE CAN
I PLUG
IT IN?**



**WHY?
WHAT
WILL
HAPPEN?**



IF YOU LET YOUR
PHONE DIE, ITS
GHOST WILL
COME BACK
TO HAUNT YOU!
EVERYBODY
KNOWS THAT.

WOOOOOOO OH

WOOOOOOO
CAAATWAAAD

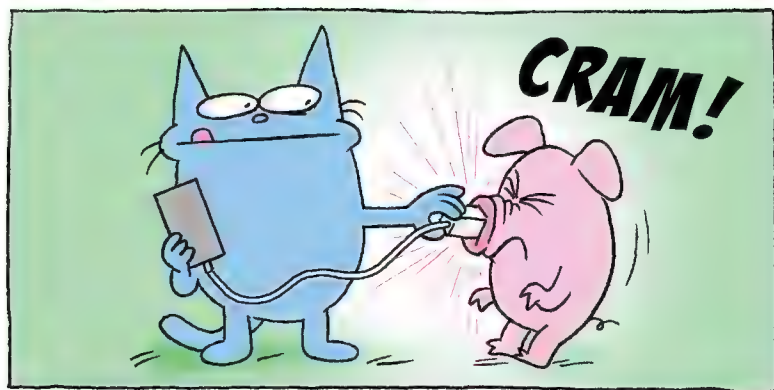
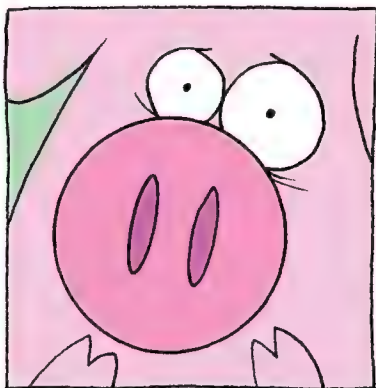
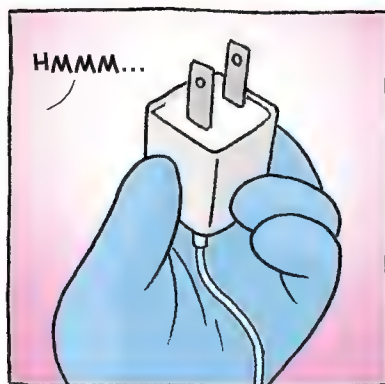
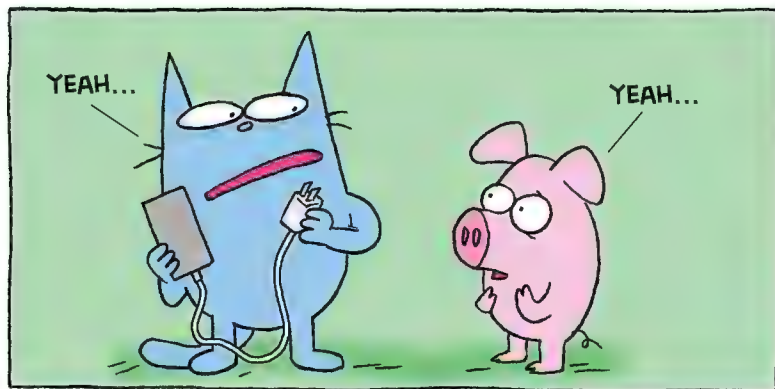


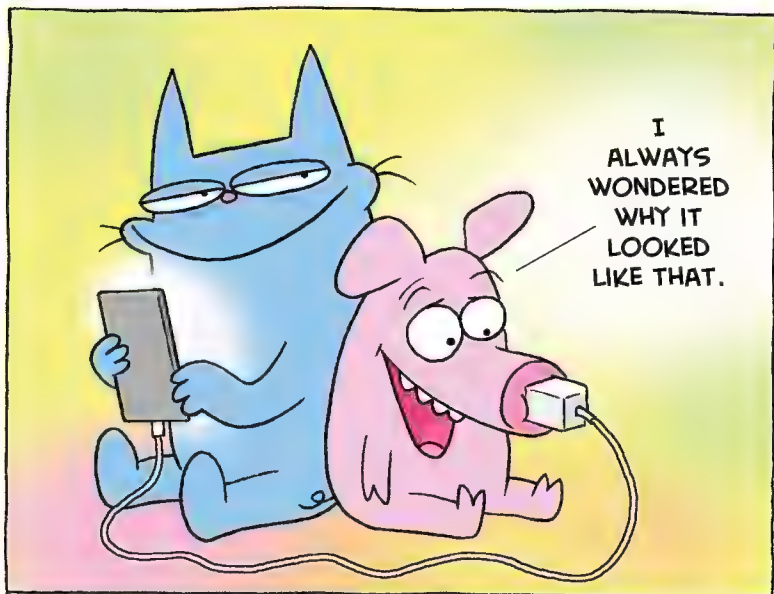
WHY
DID YOU
LET ME DIE?

OH
MY
GOSH!



WE
CAN'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN.

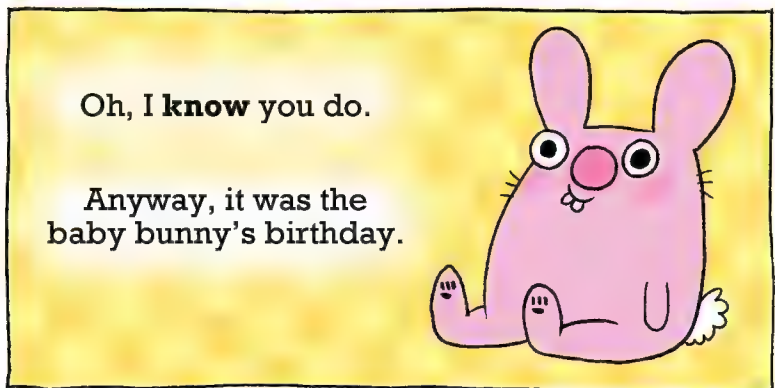




**WHEW!
THAT WAS
A CLOSE
ONE!**



THE BABY BUNNY

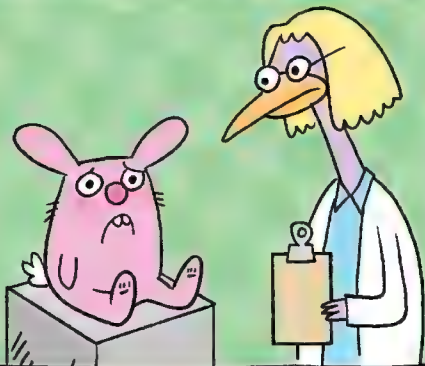


But everybody
forgot it.



And he also
had to go
to the
doctor.

And she
said...



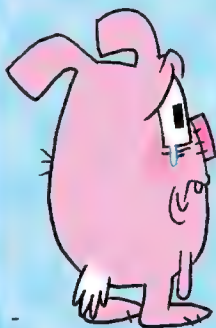
"...The tests say
you're allergic
to **round** things. I
have to do an
operation on your
whole face to
remove the
roundness."





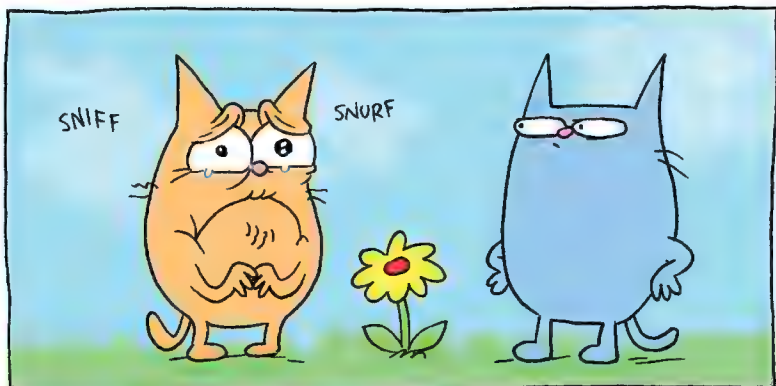
When he got out
of the hospital,
nobody was there
to take him home.

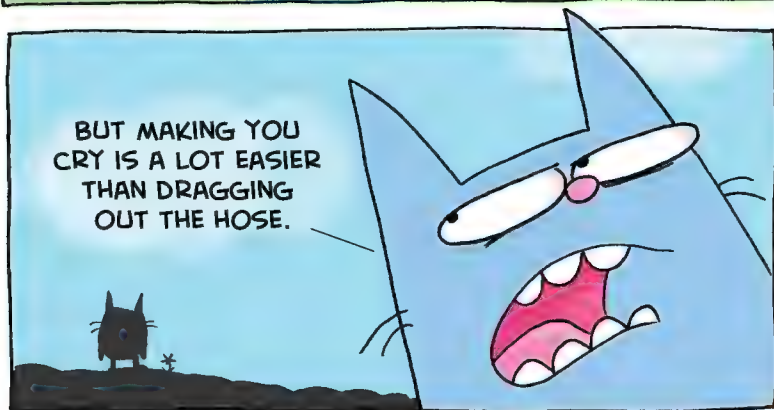
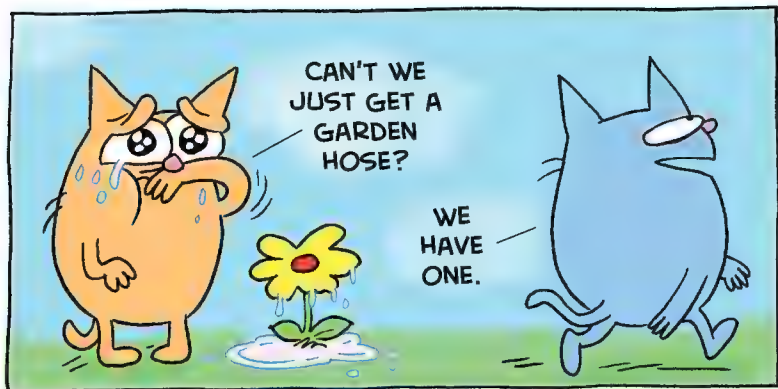
But when he got
there, he discovered
somebody had
left him a
get well present!

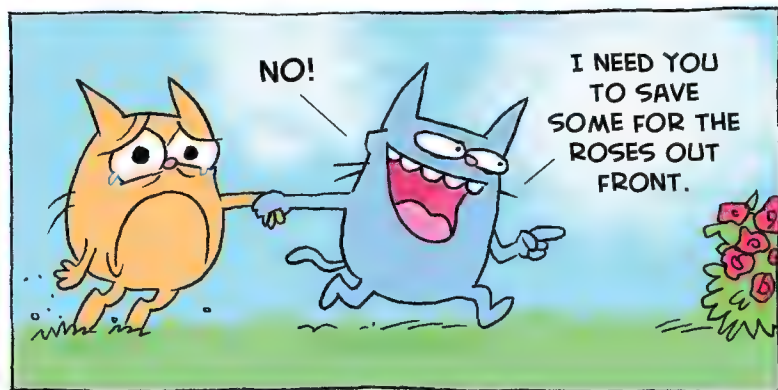
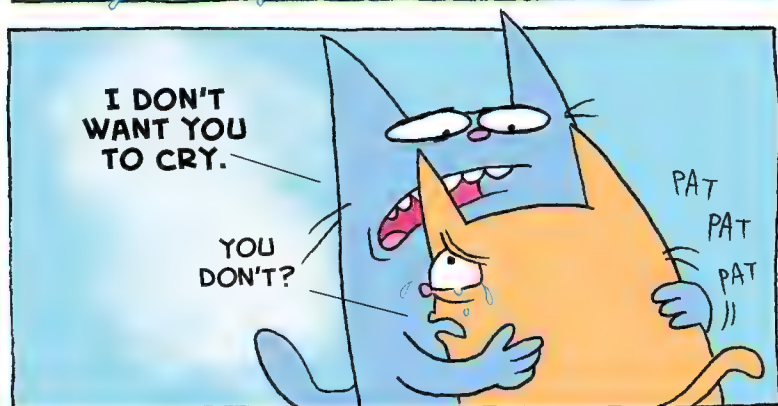
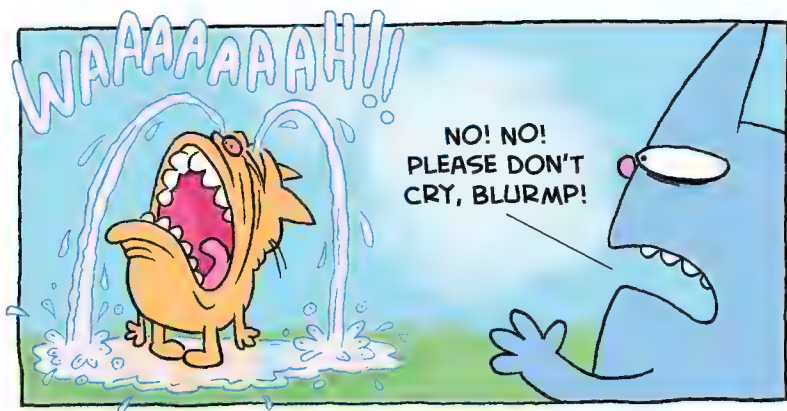


It was a ball.
But since
those are round,
he had to
throw it in
the dirty garbage.

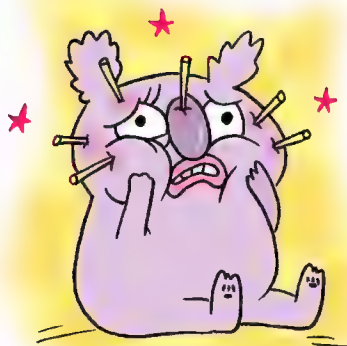
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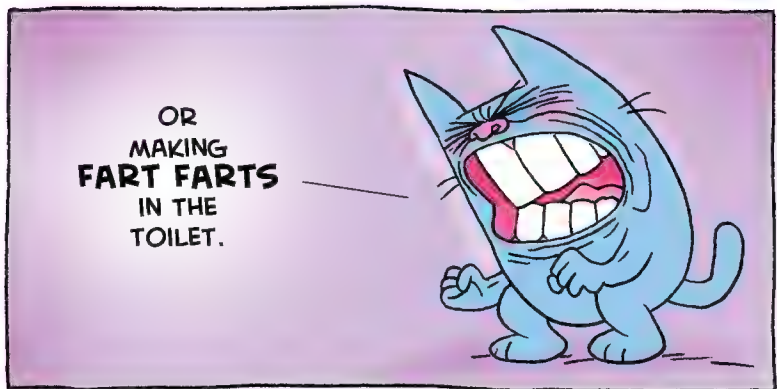
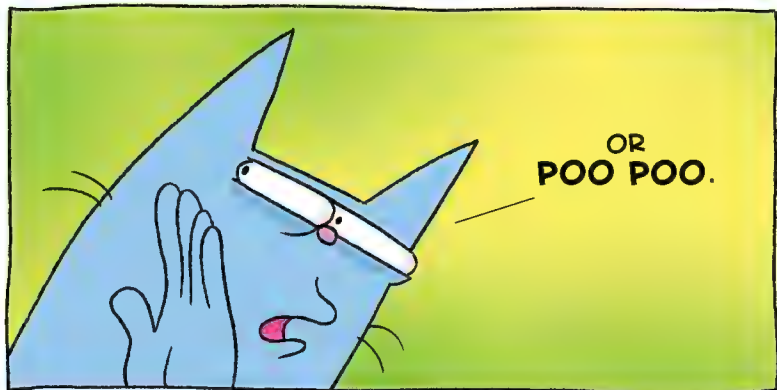


Did I ever tell
you the story of the
baby koala who was
stung in the face
by **bees**?



THE JOKE







BECAUSE
DOODY
CA CA PEE PEE
DIAPERS ARE
**NOT
FUNNY.**



THEY
AREN'T?

OKAY.
NEVER MIND.



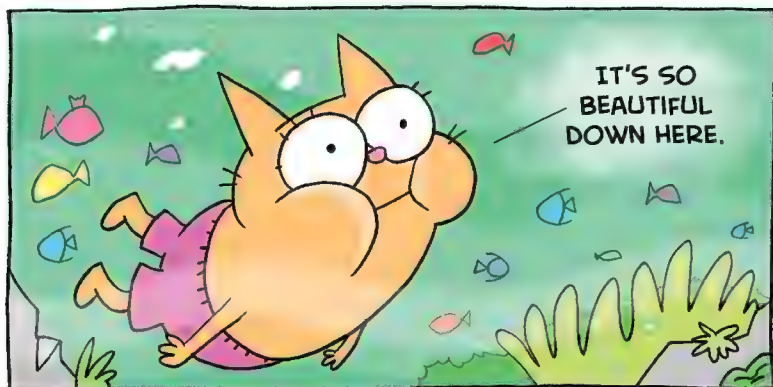
GOOD.

WE'LL
HAVE
NOTHING
LIKE THAT
IN THIS
BOOK.



UNDERSEA ADVENTURE

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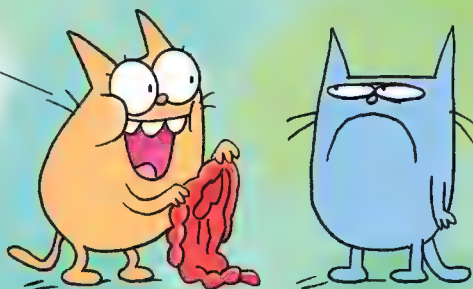




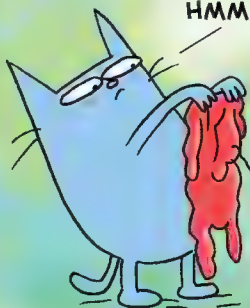


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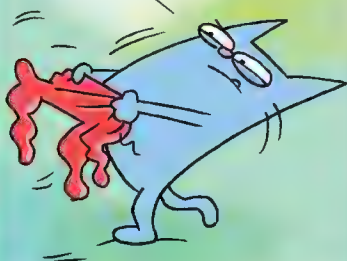
LOOK!
I GOT YOU
SOME NEW
PAJAMAS!



HMMM



GRUNT

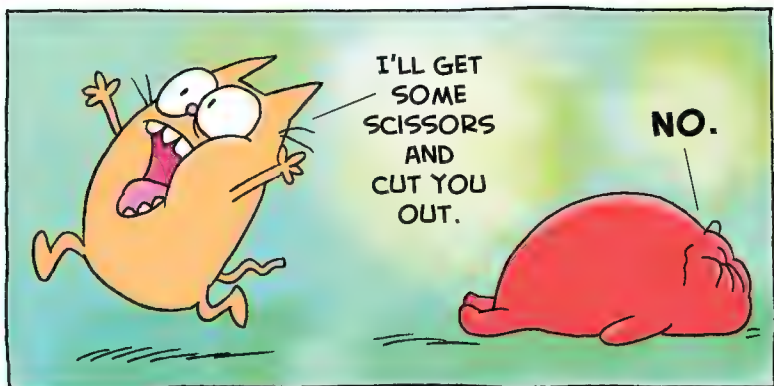
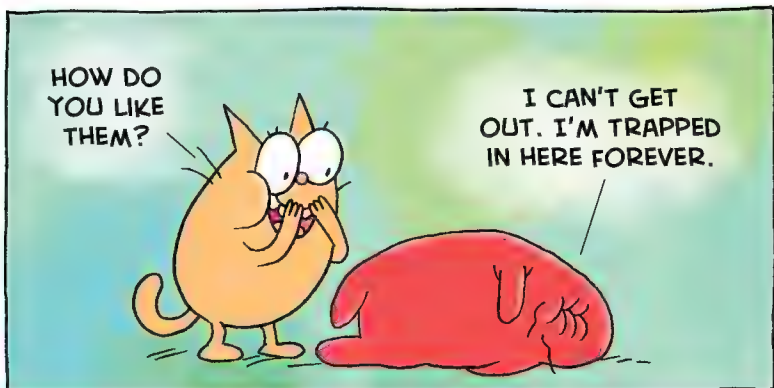


URK



UMF





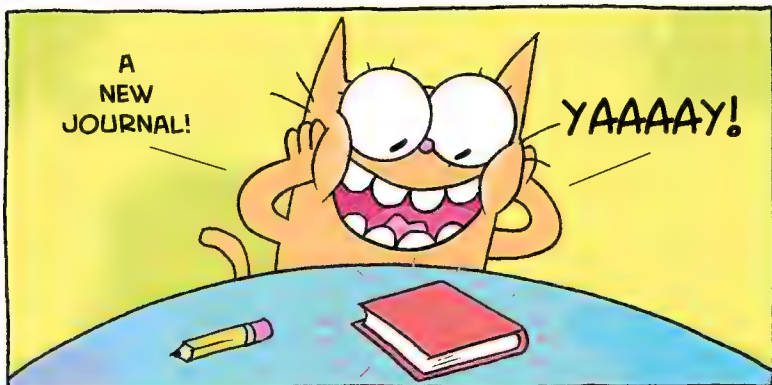
I DON'T THINK
I'VE EVER BEEN
HAPPIER.



JOURNAL

A
NEW
JOURNAL!

YAAAAAY!



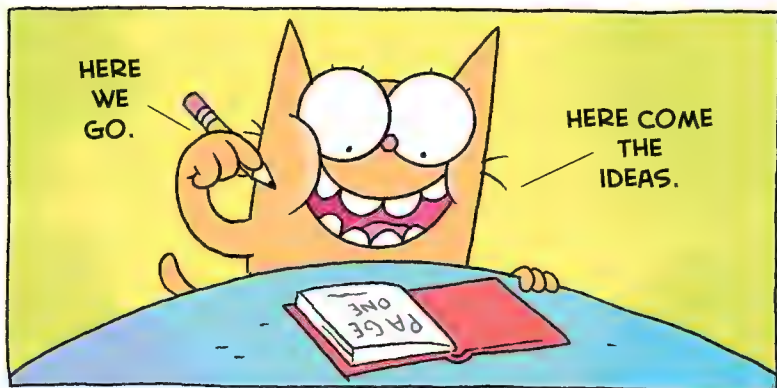
I CAN
USE IT TO
WRITE MY
THOUGHTS.

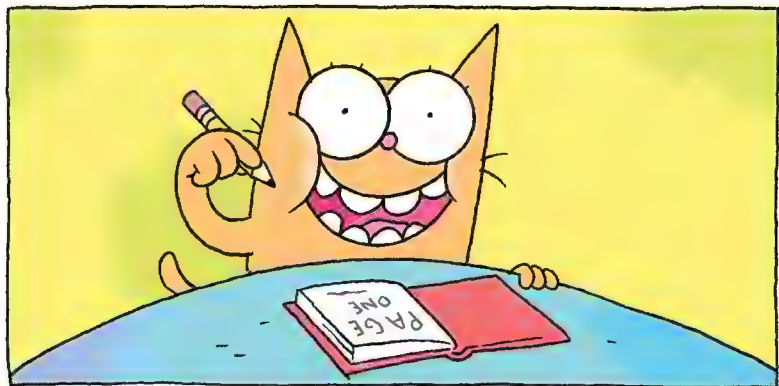
AND IDEAS,
AND HOPES,
AND DREAMS,
AND POEMS,
AND SONG
LYRICS.



AND EVEN MY *Secret Feelings.*







NINETY-SIX
YEARS LATER



THE ULTIMATE HERO

WHAT ARE
YOU
DOING?

I'M CREATING
A NEW
ULTIMATE
HERO.



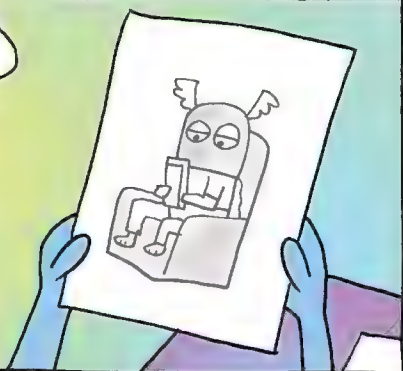
WHAT ARE HIS
SUPER POWERS?

HE DOESN'T
HAVE ANY.



BUT WHAT DOES HE DO
WHEN **EVIL VILLAINS**
SHOW UP?

HE STAYS HOME
AND LOOKS AT
STUFF ON HIS
PHONE.



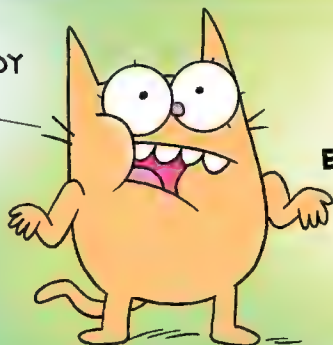
CAN HE DO
ANYTHING?

HE CAN EAT AN ALARMING
AMOUNT OF PIZZA.

AND HE'S AWESOME
AT GETTING COMFY.



WELL, WHY
DOES EVERYBODY
THINK HE'S AN
ULTIMATE
HERO?



I
DIDN'T
SAY THAT
HE'S
EVERYBODY'S
ULTIMATE
HERO.

AN EVIL
MONSTER IS
DESTROYING
THE CITY

OK
I'M GOING
TO GO TAKE
A BUBBLE
BATH

HE'S JUST
MY
ULTIMATE
HERO.





The Playlist



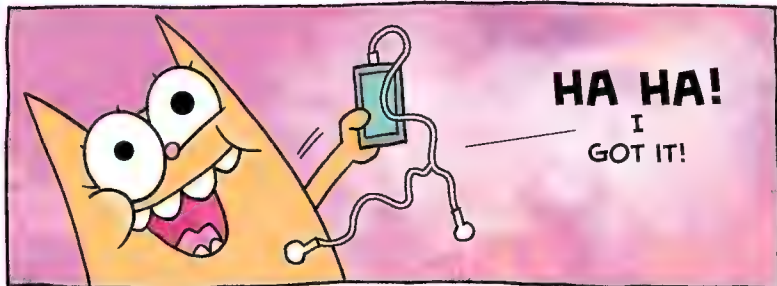
BUT YOU
ALMOST NEVER
SMILE!
I HAVE TO
HEAR IT!



GET

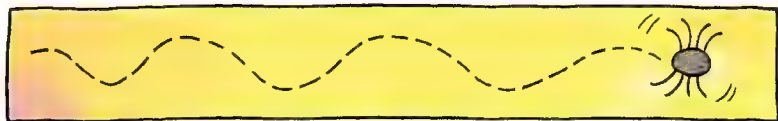
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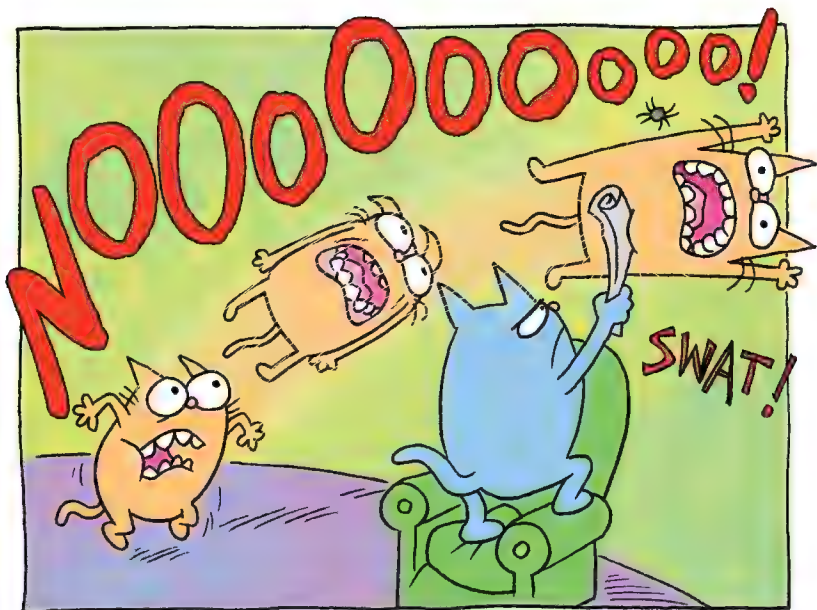
ME!





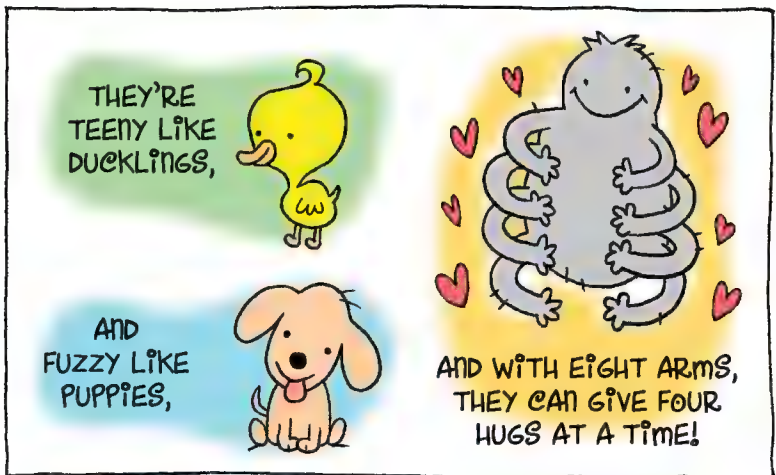








I'm TELLING YOU THAT
SPIDERS ARE AWESOME!



FINE!

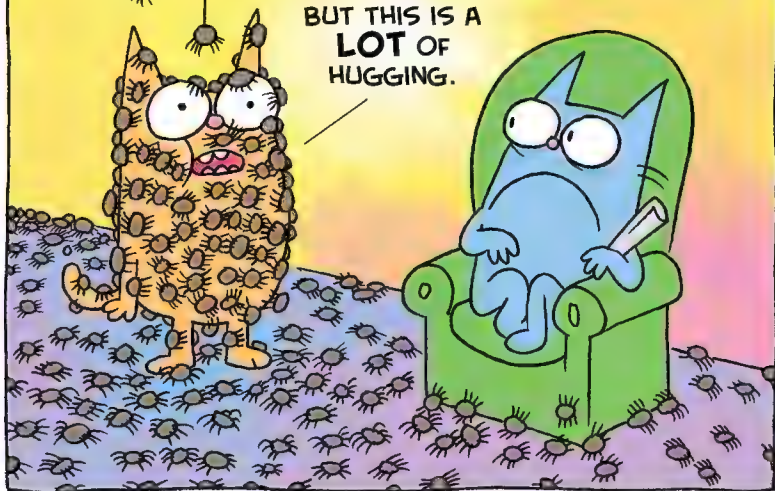
I'LL LEAVE
THEM ALONE.

ARE YOU
HAPPY NOW?

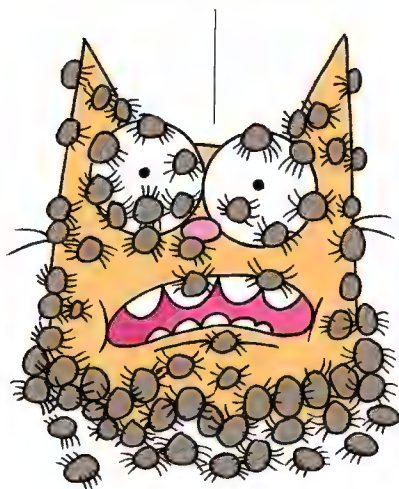


I GUESS.

BUT THIS IS A
LOT OF
HUGGING.

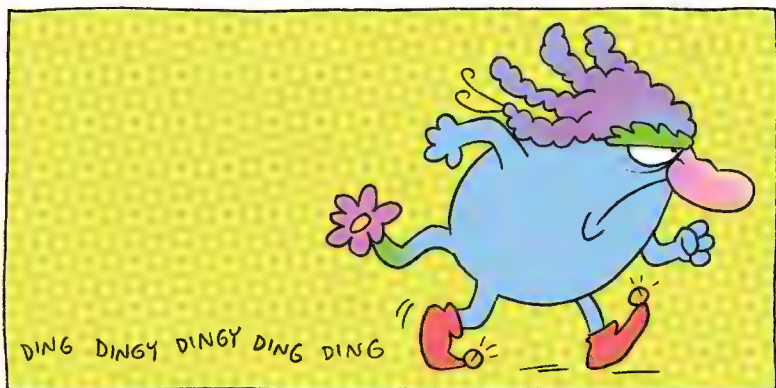


I DON'T THINK
I'VE EVER BEEN
HUGGED ON THE
EYEBALLS BEFORE.



TURN IT
UP





THE HEAT CONTROLS
ARE RIGHT NEXT TO
THE SILLY CONTROLS.



YOU DIDN'T
TURN UP THE HEAT.
YOU TURNED UP
THE SILLINESS.



CATWAD, I'M
ABSOLUTELY SURE
I DIDN'T TOUCH
THAT ONE.



STOMACH



OKAY,
HERE YOU
GO!



NOW
I'M FULL.



OOPS! I FORGOT
I ALSO HAVE
YOUR FAVORITE
ICE CREAM.



YOU DON'T HAVE
THREE STOMACHS,
DO YOU?



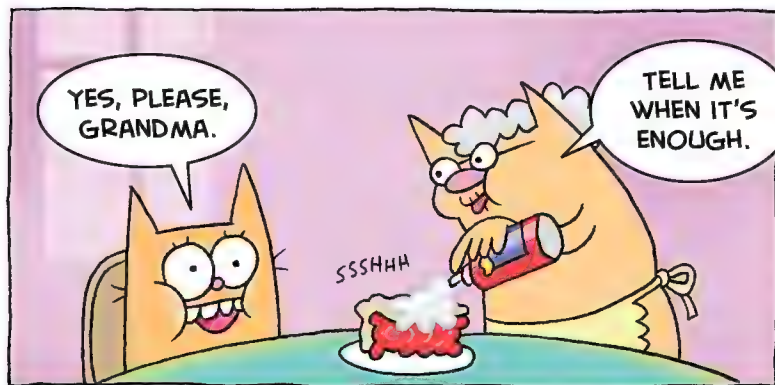
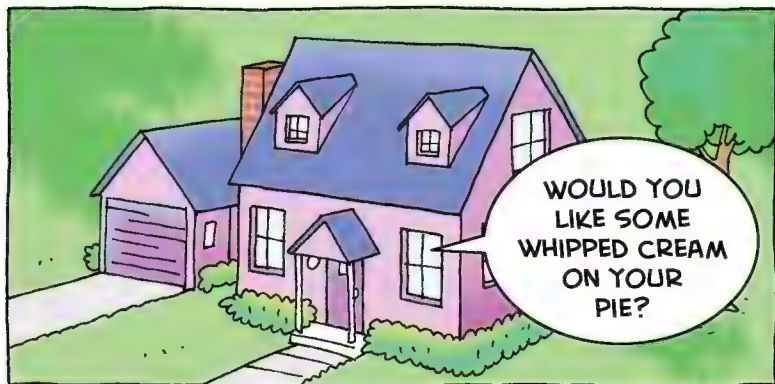
I GOT AS MANY
AS IT TAKES,
PAL.



DON'T BE
JEALOUS
OF MY
ABILITIES.



WHIPPED
CREAM



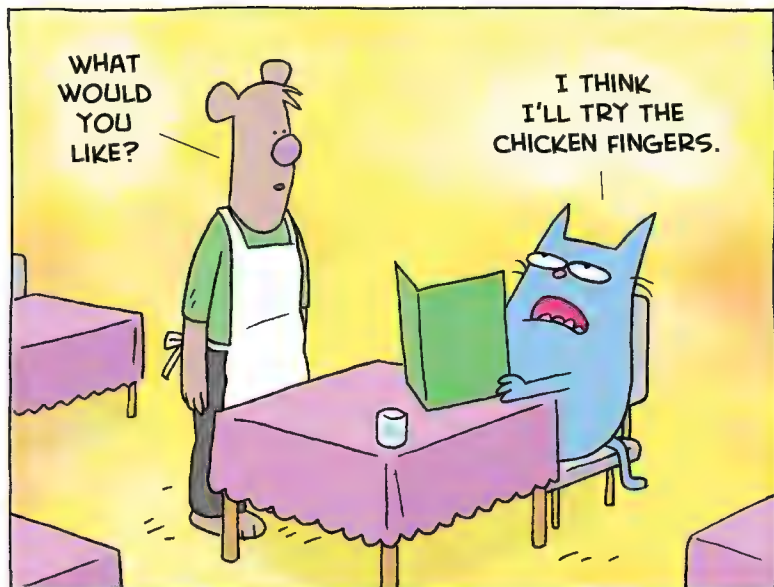


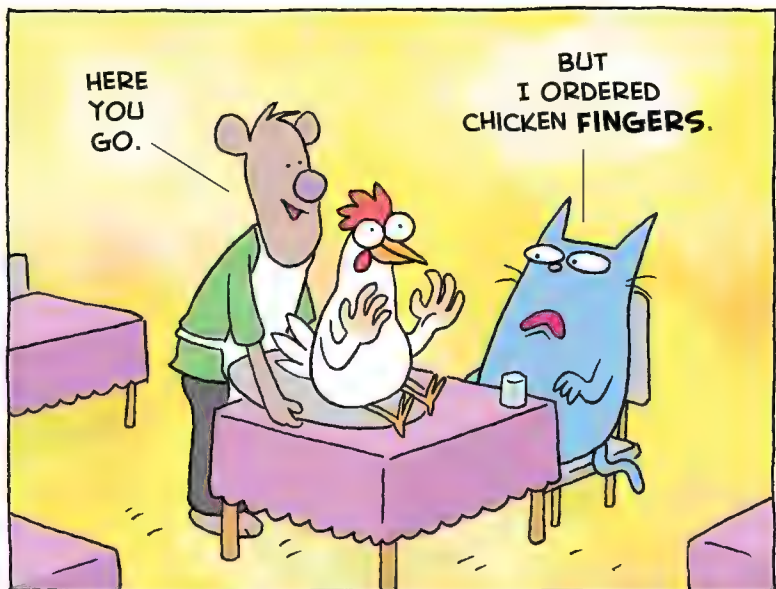
I THINK
I MIGHT,
DEAR.

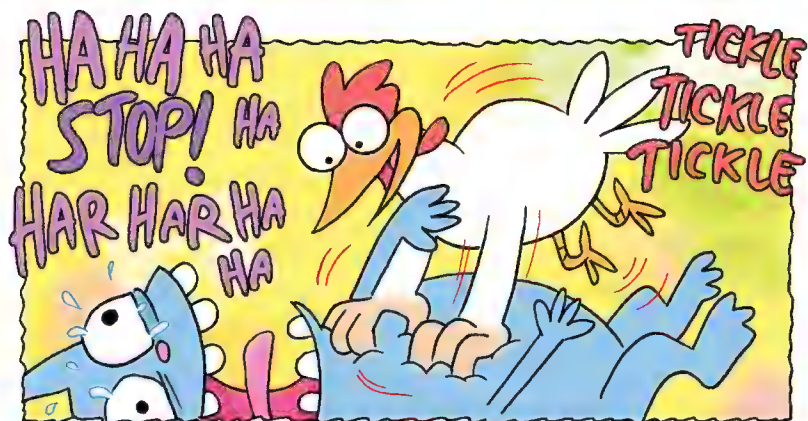
BUT I
CAN'T
FIND IT.

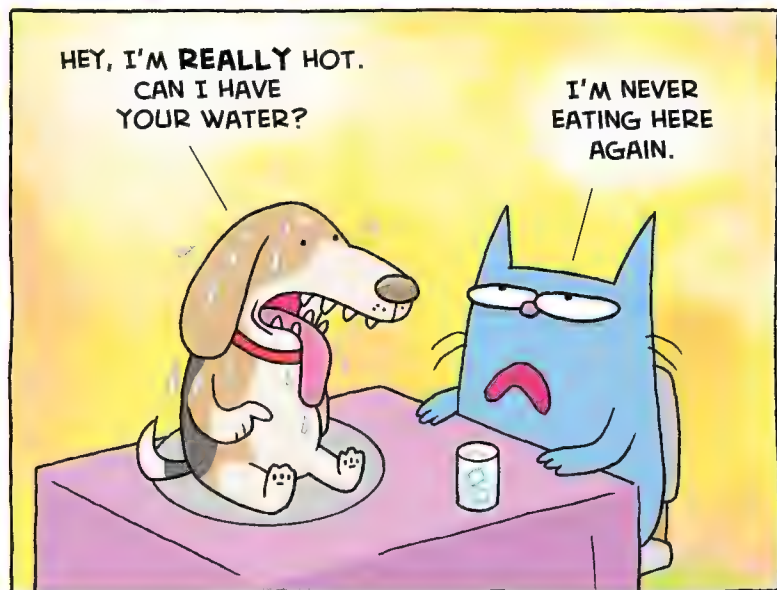
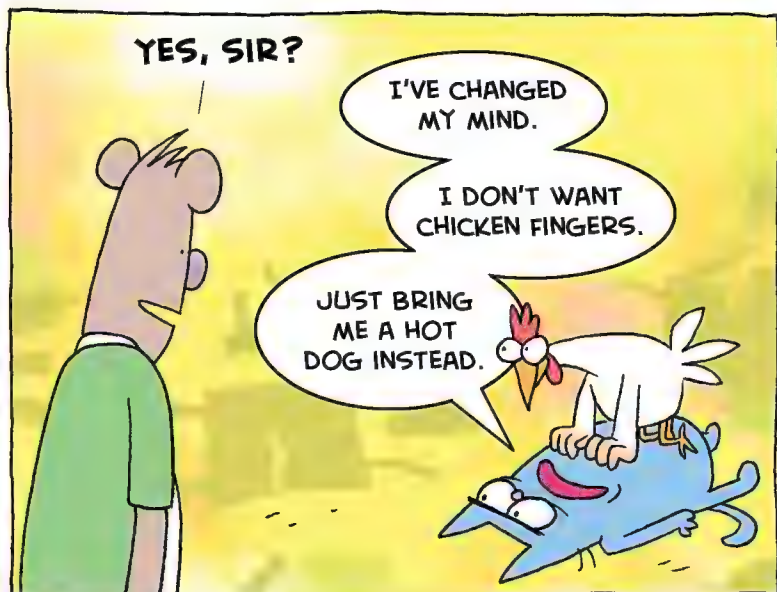


LUNCH







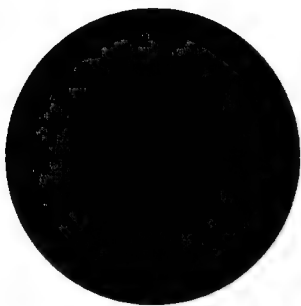


OH, HE'LL
BE BACK.



OKICU

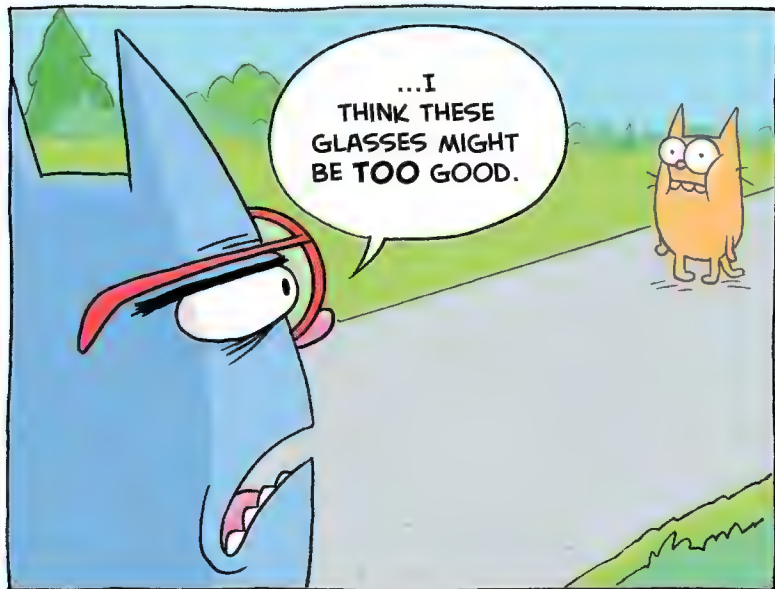
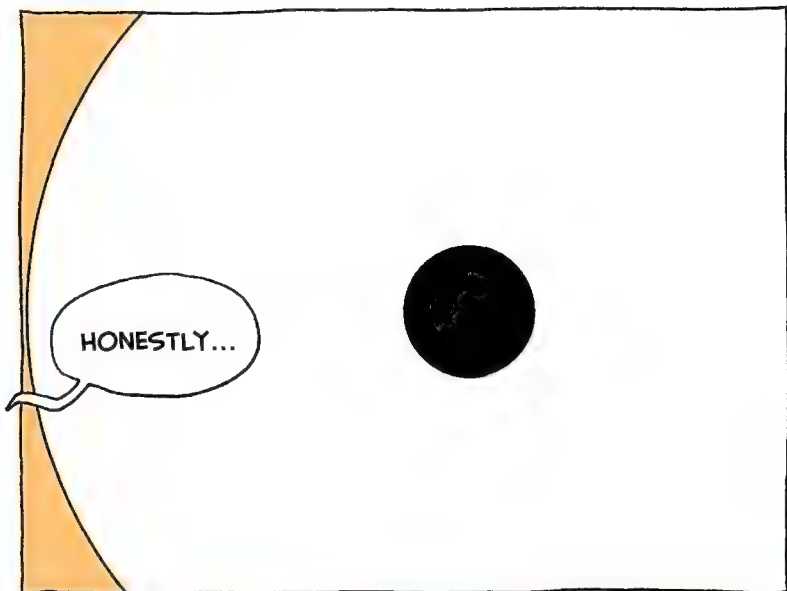
ARE
THOSE
NEW?



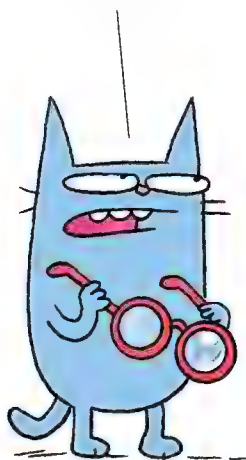
YES.

ARE
THEY ANY
GOOD?

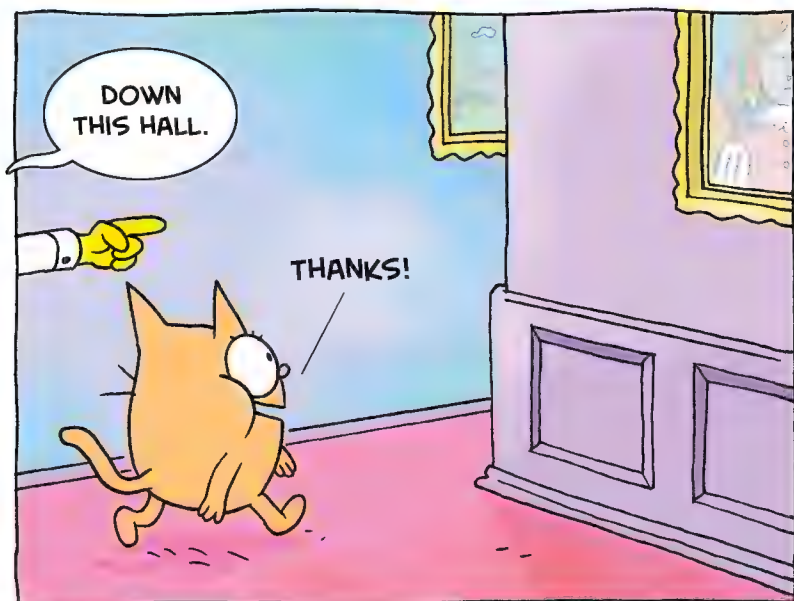
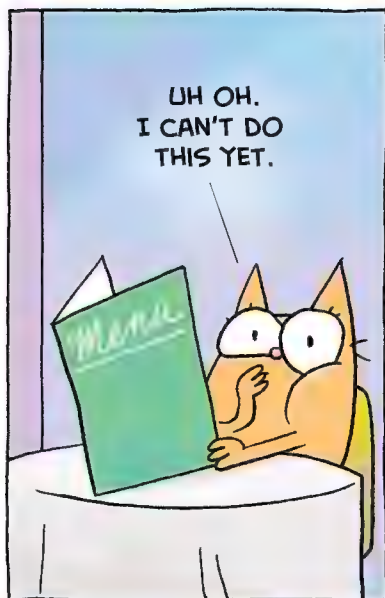


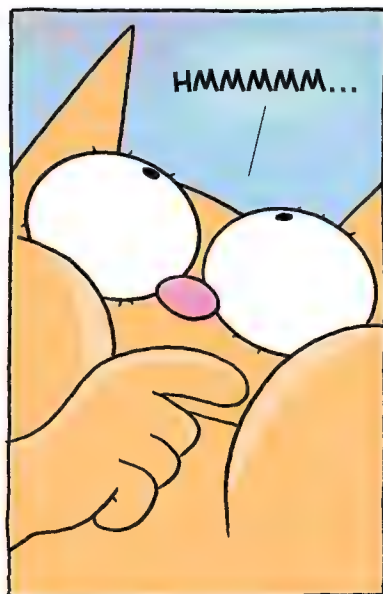


I LIKE IT
MUCH
BETTER WITH
THEM OFF.



SIGNS





I CAN'T BELIEVE
I ALMOST
ORDERED
WITHOUT YOU.

SORRY I TOOK SO LONG.
I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME
GETTING THE DOOR OPEN.

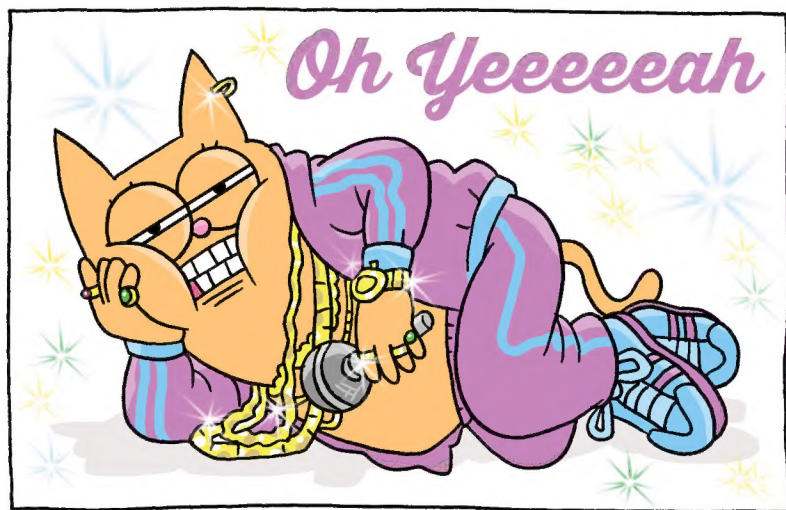
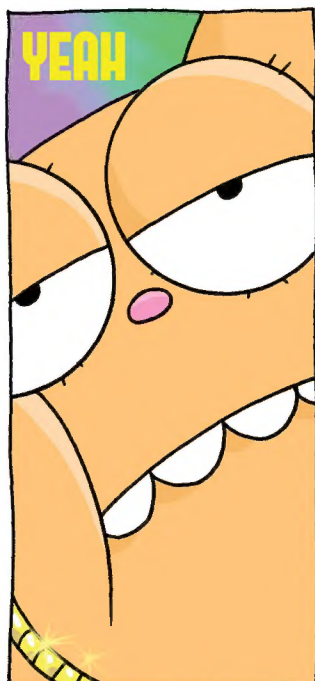
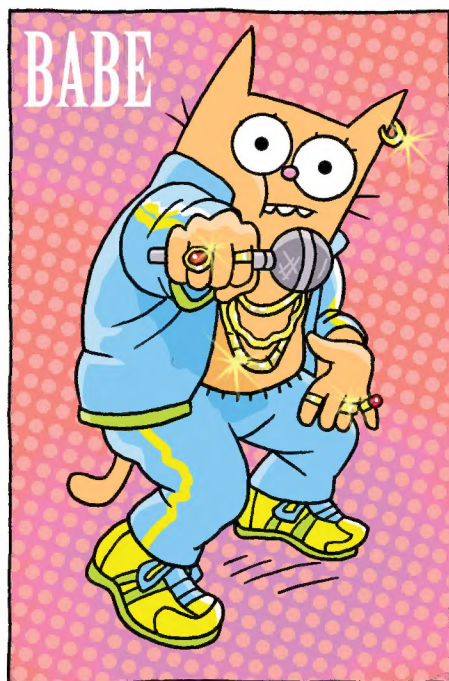


THE STAR

CATWAD, I'VE DECIDED THAT
I'M GOING TO BE A FAMOUS
POP STAR.

OK. LET'S
SEE WHAT
YOU GOT.

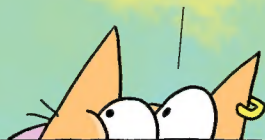




I DON'T HEAR
ANY MUSIC.



I DON'T
KNOW HOW TO
ACTUALLY
MAKE MUSIC.



I JUST
LIKE TO POSE
AND WEAR
OUTFITS.



DON'T MISS THE OTHER BOOKS
IN THE SERIES!

